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The problem for the speculators to solve with regard to the prospects next week, is a more than usually difficult one. The factors are almost impossible of calculation. It will be a rank famble to put money in the market temorrow morning, say, with anything except a very good sized margin. It is quite probable that the idea which prevailed on Friday and Thursday, that the President was immediately to show a strong friendli-ness for Cuba, is a wrong one. This is good news for Wall street. At the same time, there is uncertainty as to what Mr. McKinley will recommend in his message, if he sends one, or what course the Senate will take. There is also in the situation the riddle of what the coal trouble will amount to, there is the fact that gold shipments continue, and there is the uncertainty about the tariff. On the other hand, the bulls are suggesting that the prospect for the grain carrying reads are fine, and that our trade returns for April are very encouraging. The effect of all these complicated and conflicting factors, is paturally to stiffe activity in the stock market. The balance seems to be on the side of the bears. It is probable that dency. Uncertainty is always bear news

The total shipments of gold for the week amount to about \$3,000.000. It is probable that they will continue, as imports are still large, the returns at New York for the week footing up \$12,000.000, as against \$8,000,000 last year. At the same time the returns for April show an excess in value exported of \$23,500,000, or an increase over April of last year of \$36, 000,000, while for ten months the balance in favor of the United States attains the imposing sum of \$299,000,000, a gain or \$216,000.000 as compared with last year's record.

The prospects in this coal investigation are uncertain. Officers of the companies are said not to attach much importance to the proceeding. They say there is no coal combination within the meaning of the statute, and that investigation will conirm this statement. The companies are said to have no muchinery of any kind for operating a trust. Nevertheless Wallstreet is in considerable doubt as to the compileations and annoyances which may grow out of the investigation, and it is quite probable that buyers of coalmay temporar the movement may effect some disturbance in the practical relations of the mining and carrying operations; also the possibility is spoken of that this step may be the forerunner of official attacks upon the other trusts. The coal stocks, notably Jersey Central, are likely to feel the effects of this troublesome condition of the at-

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"Those that are banking upon very serious trouble between the United States and Cuba will, as the next few days will demonstrate, be found to be reckoning without

Mr. F. D. Carley, of the Monetary Trust,

"Remember that the operators in the superficual movements of the market have lost so much money that they are short now of both money and courage. They take alarm at every distant shadow. Today they are putting out short contracts be-cause the United States Senate is going to war on Monday. We think the market has struck its lowest point or will reach its lowest point before 12 o'clock on

Ludenberg & Thalmann are of about this opinion, except that they attach tather more importance to the unrest consequent to the uncertainty of the situation.

The Union Pacific statement for the month of March shows that the gross earnings increased \$133,000, and that the net increase was a little over \$80,000. Northern Pacific for the first week of May shows an increase of \$36,000 in the

Sugar was almost the only stock on the list which did not go down yester-day. One may not predict with any degree of certainty what will be its move nest during the coming week. It is said that a number of certificates of Sugar stock in the name of insiders have been delivered in the street. Robert Lindblan,

The statement of the foreign trade of the United States issued yesterday by the Treasury Department shows that the im-ports of merchandise for April reached the total of \$101,305,131. Although the exports for the month were fairly large, being over \$6,000,000 larger than during the same month of last year, the net result is an excess of imports over exports of \$23,579,431, as against an excess of sports last year of nearly \$12 500,000. It is, of course, well understood that the extraordinary showing for last month was due almost entirely to the present tariff discussion in Congress, and the possibility that the new revenue measure might be made retroactive. The returns of the New York custom house for the week would seen to indicate that the abnormal import moveent had culminated for the value of foreign ducts received this week was \$6,323, 325 less than last week. Expressed in other terms, the falling off was more than

Before leaving Washington for the Summer ubscribe for THE TIMES. The Morning and Bunday Editions will be mailed to you for thirty-five cents a month—the Morning, Evening and Sunday Editions for Afty. Ad-dresses changed as often as desired. into the summer. At the same time bank clearances and railway traffic returns are not decidedly unfavorable in comparison with last year. The situation in Wall street may be described in brief as a waiting one, with medicare professional traders virtually in control of the market for securities.

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started here Friday and continued today. Prices lost another cent, but closed with some rally. Last prices were 1-4a2-se under last night. The bulls had the better of the there was more or less liquidation. It Geveloped that Friday's cash business had been larger than imagined, about 300,000 bushels, and today's cash sales exceeded 200,000 bushels. The presumption is that most of this goes to New York, as a very large share of the entire business was No. 1 northern, which will fill contracts Liver-pool did not follow our Friday decline. Paris, on theother hand, was weak. Argen-tina shipped nothing for the week. The liberal clearances yesterday kept the May premium down to 4 cents. Clearances were 108,000 bushels, but there was a better total for the week. It looks as if today's selling had been for short account. Holders expect good sized decrease in the visible at any rate, at least 1,500 bushels. Every one will be on the alert for the Liverpool-pen

Chicago Grain and groviston Market. Mr. Silsby's correspondent tsof the opinion that the Wheat market is a buy for a turn,

that.

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exports for the week were \$1,540,266	Bankers and Brokers, members of the N.			
larger than for the previous week. It	Y. Stock Exchange, 1427 F street			
is possible that these two changes fore-	On, High, Low,Clos.			
shadow another radical change in the	American Spirits			
foreign trade movement of the country.	American Spirits pfd			
The weekly statement of averages of the	Am. Sugar Refinery 11254 11234 11234 11234			
associated banks shows that, in spite of the	American Sugar, pfd			
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tenders to obtain gold for export, the	American Cotton Oil			
banks have gained, chiefly in specie, \$857	Baltimore & Ohto II's His His 11%			
000. This means that something over	Bay State Gas			
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have been received from the interior.	Chesapsake & Ohio 16x 16x 16 16			
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ings were light, and in the main the result	Chleago Gas \$1% 81% 781 79			
of professional ventures. It is now plain	C. M. and St. P			
that the time is near at hand when both the	C. R. Land P			
Administration and Congress are likely to				
take definite action regarding the condi-	Consolidated Gas 150% 160% 150% 151% Del. Lac. & West 148 148 148			
tion of affairs in Cuba, and this has over-	Delaware & Hudson 101% 104% 104% 104%			
shadowed all other considerations. As	Denv. & R. Grande, pfd			
the possibility of foreign complications has	Erie			
	General Electric 31 81 31 31 Lake Shore			
invariably depressed the stock market	Illinois Central			
heretofore, it is entirely natural for specu-	Louisville & Nashville., 43% 43% 43% 43%			
lative holders to reduce their lines, and for	Met, Traction 104 % 104 % 104 104 104 104 104 104 104 104 104 104			
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them in a situation like the present one.	Michigan Cen			
This accounts for lower prices on the stock	Mo. Pacific			
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results of the week.	National Lead Co., pfd			
Outside of Wall street, business is still	New Jersey Central 75% 77% 75% 76%			
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held in check by the tariff debate, and the	Northern Pacific pfd 36 36 35% 35%			
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The Senate Committee Resumes Its Investigation.

#### SOME INTERESTING STATISTICS

Public Printer Palmer Gives Testimony and Expresses His Opinion. Has Greater Power Than He Thought-Mr. Procter Explains Methods of the Commission.

The investigation into the working and administration of the civil service reform law was resumed yesterday by the Senate committee.

The first witness was George A. Howard, sixth auditor of the Treasury, who had been criticised at the last session by Mr. William W. Hill, who attacked the socalled "spy" system. Mr. Hill stated to the committee that Auditor Howard refused to allow the accounts of these spics until after he had been permitted to name

several of these special agents.

In replying to this statement, Mr. Howard said that he did, at the solicitation of the department, suggest the names of three men who were employed, at first, in Tennessee. It was, however, after their selection, and after the number of these secret agents had so largely increased that Howard, according to his testimony yesterday, held up their accounts and called

Later on the expense accounts of the agents assumed unusual proportions, and Auditor Howard refused to allow more than \$4 a day. The First Assistant Postmaster Seneral then appealed to the Comptroller of the Treasury, who overruled the Auditor, stating that it was entirely within the prov ince of the Postmaster General to employ these men and fix their compensation

In reply to a question by President Proc ter, of the commission, Auditor Howard said he had been in the Government service six-teen years. He had had some experience with the civil service and esteemed very highly the character of persons certified for places by the Civil Service Commission. They were an improvement over the old class of clerks. At the conclusion of his testimony Auditor Howard submitted the following statement:

"The present Auditor for the Postoffic Department assumed the duties of the office April 16, 1894. This office was at that time greatly in arrears in the busi ness of its money order branch, and, axis well known, had occasioned much corre-spondence and also discentent with the many thousands of late postmasters many thousands of late postmasters throughout the country, who desired a final settlement of their accounts. The present administration of the Treasury has given this office fairand just recognition, but it is a matter of history that it had borne for years the solvinguet of the "Botany Bay" of the Treasury Department of the state of the treasury Department ment, and was the dumping ground for the dissipated and objectionable material in

that great department. out and discipline this material. The present condition of the office evidences that much has been accomplished in the direction for the betterment of the serwith the work current. The successor of ciplined force, with the work up to date,

"Six of its seven divisions will compare favorably, and are up to the standard of the hest divisions of any of the great de-partments of the Government. There are, however, a number of employes in this office who are incapacitated from age, and a smaller number who, from want of ability or from lack of interest in their duties, should be dropped from its roll.

A majority of the employes are Republicans, and the larger amount of pay is received by Republicans, notwithstanding some help from the statistics Monday-a that this statement includes the auditor, deputy auditor, and others who are within the excepted class of the civil service

> in this office, including the auditor and deputy, who are not subject to civil rervice examination, of whom 25 are Deme crats and 13 Republicans; 24 are white and 14 colored; 25 are males and 13 females. There are 449 clerks and nusse gers subject to civil service examination This includes the chief clerk, the distorraing clerk and seven chiefs of division Of these, 191 are Democrats, and 258 colored: 314 are males and 135 are fe-

"Reduced, the percentages of officeholders are as follows: Democrats, 44 per cent; Republicans, 56; white, 92; colored 8; males, 70; females, 30;

"The total amount of salary paid Demoerats is \$257,480, and Republicans, \$308,

The total number of employes, divided acrording to positions occupied and the politics of the occupants, is shown to be

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Auditor from April 19, 1893, to April 15, 1894, and the incumbent, George A. Howard, from April 16 to the present time. During this period of four years of Democratic administration of the office total changes in the office were as follows

Rep. Dem. Total Appointments...... 80 Removals.......... 60 151 231 Resigned ..... 48 

of this office report themselves as exsoldiers or sailors of the United States Army and Navy. This number is 24 per cent of the entire male force of this office. The following changes have been made among this class of employes, from March 4, 1893, to March 4, 1897; Appointed, 18; promoted, 19; removed, 21; resigned, 10; reduced, 23; transferred, 13; died, 4. Public Printer Palmer appeared before the committee and repeated much of what he had said in his letter, heretofore published in The Times. He proposed, if left to his discretion, to substitute the old

aystem in his office. He had not teen there long enough to ascertain all the facts, but he believed the force was a reasonably good one. There was nothing in the civil good one. There was nothing in the civil larger than he had supposed. He still service, that preventing his weeding out poor men. It was in the matter of appointment that the civil service had full the system a fair trial



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charge, and a proper appointment was absolutely essential.

The rules of the civil service as applied to a great manufacturing establishment like the Government Printing Office were cumbersome and complicated. Mr. Paimer stated that it was his belief that his own personal observation filted him to learn the qualification and efficiency of the em ployes much better than any board in charge of a technical examination and which prob period of probation required was an obstruclion in the office. Competent men who made been in the office when he was there be fore had been discharged. He knew these men to be the very best that could be seured for their particular branches of the usiness, and yet he was confident these men could not pass the examinations to which they were subjected by the Civil

Senator Lodge wanted to know if these men were so efficient why it was that Mr. Benedict, also a practical printer, had removed them, to which Mr. Palmer replies that he could not tell the working of the mind of his predecessor.

Mr. Palmer said these men had secured employment else where, which was a guar intee of their efficiency.
"If that is the case," asked Senato

Lodge, "Mr. Benedict probably knew of their efficiency, so that their discharge must have been for reasons other than a want of efficiency. Is not that, then, ; fair assumption?"

"Yes; that is an inference one may properly draw," replied Mr. Palmer. probably turned out, then, for political

"Very likely," replied Mr. Palmer, lac n-

return to such a system?" asked Mr. Lodge, who had artfully laid the groundwork of this question. Mr. Palmer met it firmly, however, by saying: "I shold certainly do so if I had

the power."
"And that, you think, would be an ad-

vantage?" "It undoubtedly would be in the Goverament Printing Office. While it is true there is politics in it, still, politics is only an incident. The old system gave the head of the printing office a wide range from which to select his men, and the results were much better than under the present

Mr. Lodge asked Mr. Palmer if he thought it impossible to secure good men through the present system of ex aminations. "My judgment is that it limits me too

prejudice against the system. What I as I have said, were discharged under the old system, and I cannot get them back by any examination. The best men, nechanics, for instance, may be those who cannot pass examinations in arith metic, geography, and the like. My idea is that no such examination can secure for me such good men as a practical test of hours, or weeks, or months, will provide."

At this point President Procter, of on, made a statement, as

"The examination in the Printing Office is gotten up by a commission of skilled employes in the office itself, under the supervision of the commission. Three mer passed examinations in the Printing Of fice recently and secured high grades who could not sign their names. The board of examiners at the Printing Office can use any sort of examination it thinks

Mr. Procter admitted that helpers were required to be examined and Mr. Palmer skilled laborers who required as a condion precedent for good work only muscle. "Yes," replied Mr. Procter, "but the xamination is a very simple one "

Mr. Lodge-What is the attitude of the unions with regard to the examina-

Mr. Procter-Most favorable. They brought it about. It was at the instance of the typographical and other unions that we agreed to classify the people in the Printing Office. I understand that type graphical unions throughout the country are in favor of the application of the civil

ervice rules.

Mr. Palmer insisted that the cashier, who handled large sums of money, should be in the excepted class. He wanted a man of his own choice appointed. Senator Elkins called attention to the dif-

ference between the clerical and laboring forces in the matter of time of service. He emphasized the point that clerks should be required to work eight hours a day and, a the result of calculation, endeavored to show that 5,000 days' labor are lost to the Gov ernment in a six and one-half-hour day in the departments. He merely referred to this subject today, intending to call it up again before the investigation is concluded.

After extended discussion the members

of the committee came to the conclusion lic Printer had the authority under the the lists of skilled labor, omitting stable men, the weman in charge of charwomen assistant doorkeeper, messengers, wagon masters, wagon messengers, watchesen, helpers, and others. This pleased Mr. Palmar, as he had been under the impression that he did not possess such authority.

Senator Lodge asked Mr. Palmer if he had examined the whole system thoroughly. Mr. Palmer bad not. He stated that the powers he had under the present law were

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Jamaica, per steamer from Reston, (c) At
10:05 p.m. for Belize, ruerto Cortex and
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(c) At 10:05 p.m. for St. Domingo and
Turks Island, per s. s. Cherokee, from
New York.

10:ESPAY—(d) At 5:25 a.m., for Parbatos direct and north Buzzi, via Fara
and Manaos, per s. s. Fimminence, from
New York.

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fisca, per steamer from New Orleans, (c)
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Antilla, from New York Letters must
be directed "Per Antilla."

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per ses, Drinco, from New York (c) At 10:55 p.m., for Proft Antonio, per steamer from Philadelphia, (c) At 10:55 p.m., for Bermeda,
per ses, Drinco, from New York (c) At 10:05 p.
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Pernambuco, Bahas and Rio Janeiro. Letters for North Brazil must be directed
"Per Coleridge" (c) At 10:05 p. m., for
Progresso, per s. s. Santo Domingo, from
New York. Letters for other paris of Mexico must be directed "Per Santo Domingo,"
(c) At 10:35 p. m., for Central America
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ports), per s. s. Advance, from New York,
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